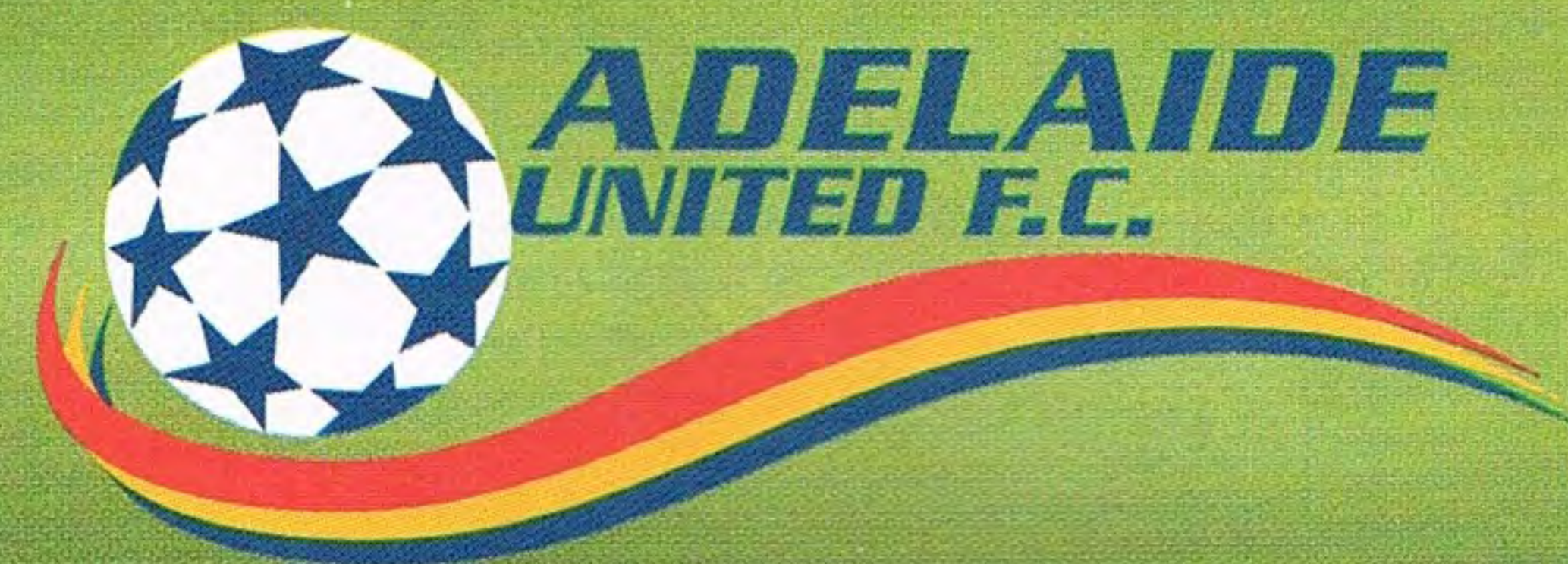


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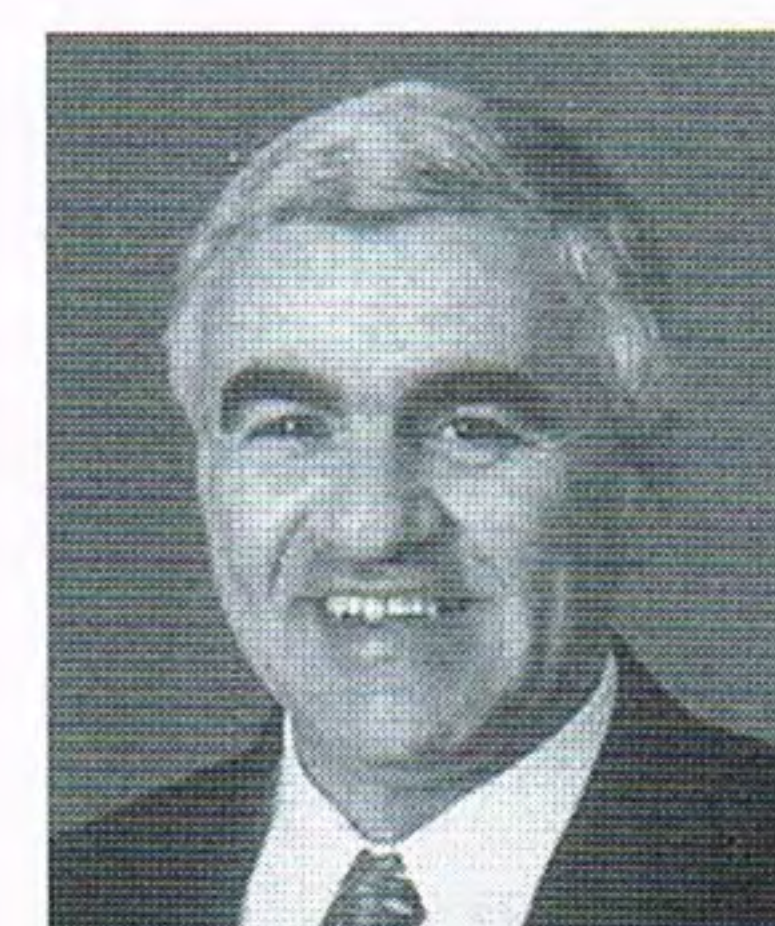


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from the prez

As we welcome the current national champions Perth Glory to Adelaide for our fifth game of the season and the third game at home, the team remains undefeated and the club as a whole is continuing to work hard to satisfy the expectations of the South Australian public.



With the excellent result at the early parts of the season, we need to ensure that our expectations of the teams results do not become unrealistic. Given the short time to prepare the team, the aim for 2003 for John Kosmina and the boys remains for them to compete in the final series.

Perth Glory have been the benchmark for the national soccer league over the last few years and they should be congratulated for what they have achieved.

The Adelaide United formula is slightly different, our aim however is to emulate Perth Glory's success both on and off the park.

To achieve such an outcome we hope to retain the support of the public, corporates, media and the Government which has been so valuable and appreciated thus far.

BASIL SCARSELLA
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from the coach

The honeymoon is just about over! We've played four matches for two wins and two draws. If anyone had said we'd have eight points at this stage at the start of "our" season and be just out the six with three games in hand I would have said "thank you very much, I'll take it". From now on however, life will become increasingly difficult. Perth this week, South Melbourne next Sunday and then seven games in 28 days - not an easy task.



Are we up to it? The easy answer is "wait and see" but I think we can do well enough during this time to build a platform for a finals berth in the New Year. Our game against Marconi last week was easily our worst of the four games so far. We lacked fluency and cohesion and were kept in the game by the quality of our defence. But then that is what the game's all about. Sometimes you win by defending well and sometimes you win by attacking well. Other times you get a result by rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty and that is exactly what we did last weekend. It should be remembered that we are about eight weeks into our program; the other clubs are double that if not more.

Generally around this time it always gets difficult for a whole lot of different reasons. What gets you through this time is hard work and application to the job. That's what I meant by the honeymoon coming to an end. It is going to be very difficult for the next couple of months and we can't rely on the hype and the newness of it all to get us through. But the single most important thing the players have in their favour is that they can rely on each other. Not in the sense of a comfort zone where your teammate will do your work but from the perspective of believing you can go into battle knowing your mates will back you up no matter what the circumstances.

And of course we have a fantastic crowd to give us the occasional boost on match day at home.

Go United
Kossie

from the captain

Tonight we welcome current NSL champion, Perth Glory to Hindmarsh Stadium. We expect a tough time with our defenders being put to the ultimate test with Perth's deadly strike force of Bobby Despotovski and Damian Mori who have scored over 300 NSL goals between them.



Our defence has been a huge positive for us so far this season, having only conceded two goals in four matches. Up the other end, our luck is due to change. With a little more patience and greater opportunity, we can add to our goal total tonight.

Last week's meeting with Marconi brought a positive away result for us, despite remaining scoreless after 90 minutes. We were satisfied with our effort and the outcome of the match. Midfielder Aaron Westervelt made his return to the NSL, and in his debut match with Adelaide United, he delivered a solid performance that needs to be maintained and built on from here.

In other AUFC squad news, we commiserate with Sean Widera who has suffered a recurrence of a knee injury, and wish him a speedy recovery. Our two injured forwards, Shane Smeltz and Nick Budin have returned to full training with our squad and we look forward to their beckoning debuts for Adelaide United.

Our crowd support has been fantastic in the previous two home matches, and we hope that our supporters are loud again this week.....every little bit helps to get us over the line.

Enjoy the match.
Aurelio Vidmar

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For many years we have pondered on the past and reflected on fond memories South Australia was the soccer capital of Australia.



Well guess what? The birth of Adelaide United has once again encouraged soccer lovers and given renewed confidence to the South Australian corporate world that Adelaide once again is back in business.

The media

The media has been absolutely fantastic and our relationship indicates that we'll continue to communicate in order to have a long-standing partnership for the betterment of the code of soccer in South Australia.

The Adelaide United Football Club has established new benchmarks regarding the way the media perceive the new NSL soccer club not only in South Australia but right throughout the country. With this in mind, there has been more interest and as a result more demand and commitment required from the players with respect to radio, television and print media interviews.

Coach **John Kosmina** has lead by example with his commitment since his arrival in Adelaide. **JK** has yet to refuse an interview and has demonstrated good interpersonal and communication skills – but above all John has fulfilled the responsibility with aplomb.

One of the initiatives of the Adelaide United Football Club is to ensure that all of our players are fully equipped and prepared for all future media commitments.

Media awareness with Chris Dittmar

Channel 7's sport presenter, **FiveAA Soccer Show** host and radio personality extraordinaire **Chris Dittmar** will be addressing the players with a media awareness and development session on Tuesday 25th November. **Ditts** (as he's affectionately known) provided the same information gathering session for the **Port Adelaide Power** players in readiness for the AFL some years ago.

Shopping Centre - Promotions

In keeping with our promotions and to further profile the club but importantly to continue to increase the awareness of the new team on the block, AUFC players attended a shopping centre promotion @ Tea Tree Plaza on Wednesday 12th November. The players were overwhelmed with support and many fans requesting autographs and asking questions about the club. This was an opportunity to parade the players to the business community but also an opportunity to keep in touch with Adelaide United ardent fans. Ross Aloisi, Goran Lozanovski, Michael Valkanis, Matthew Kemp, David Scarsella and Shane Smeltz attended to further boost the image of the Club but also to continue to establish affinity with new fans.

School visitations and community activities

In-form defender and inaugural man of the match **Richie Alagich** is heavily involved with the future development of the game. Richie has visited many schools to spread the gospel regarding the great skills of the world game. The Adelaide United players will join Richie in the imminent weeks not only to assist but to ensure Adelaide United players establish a relationship with kids sport at all levels.

Visitations to charitable organizations will go a long way to helping the community at large, but also keep the players in touch with life in general. Activity will help improve the quality of life of people and ultimately lift their spirits.

Marketing Services

Club President Basil Scarsella is strong on making sure that sponsors receive a good return for the investment and one of the Club's priorities is to maintain and provide good services to our commercial partners. A player sponsor presentation has been organised for Tuesday 2nd December to give the players the opportunity to touch base with our sponsors and vice versa. A function on level 2 Hindmarsh Stadium will follow after training with food and beverages provided.

Television, radio and print media advertising

Adelaide United Football Club has demonstrated that with efficient and cost effective advertising not only will the soccer fans be made aware of the Club's presence but more importantly South Australia's general sports fans and the non-soccer people will be captured by the imagination of the sporting organization. Adelaide United has established a solid foundation with television, radio and print media and this augurs well for the future direction of the Club.

Angelo Picca
Marketing/Media Manager
Adelaide United Football Club

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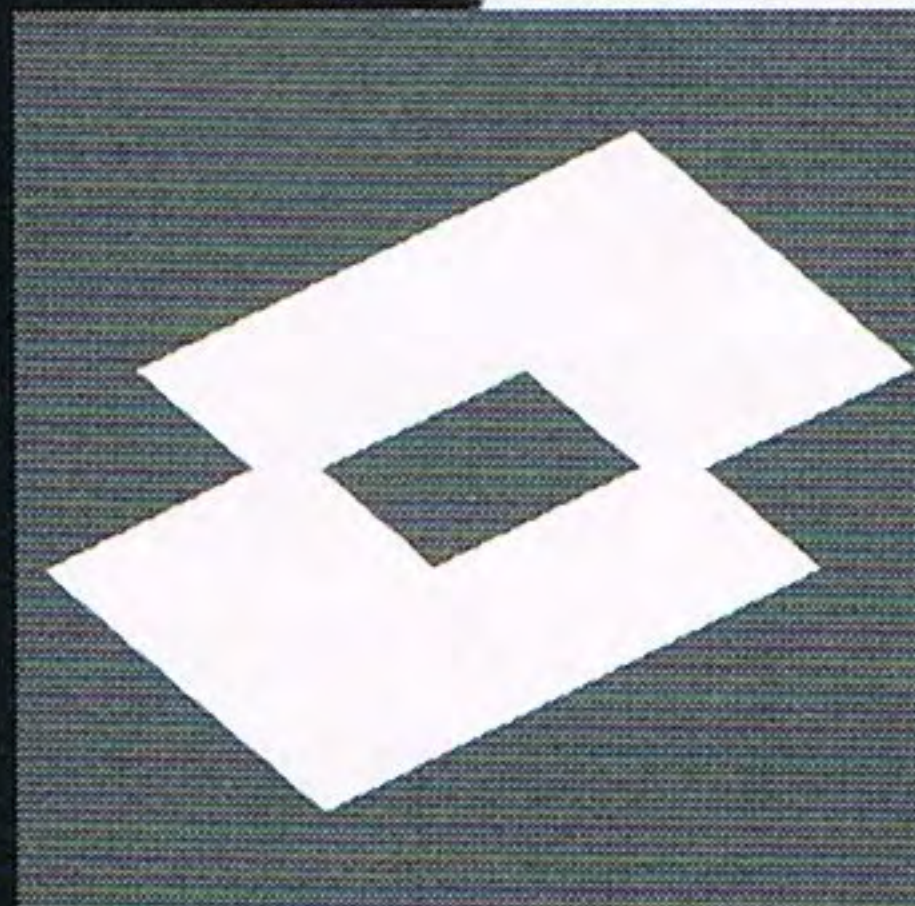
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6	Fri 24.10.03	7:30pm	Newcastle United	EnergyAustralia Stadium	W 3-2 Veart 64'p 78' Vidmar 73'
7	Sun 02.11.03	4:00pm	Sydney United	Hindmarsh Stadium	D 0-0
8	Sat 08.11.03	7:30pm	Marconi Stallions	Marconi Stadium	D 0-0
9	Sun 16.11.03	7:00pm	Perth Glory	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
10	Sun 23.11.03	7:30pm	South Melbourne	Bob Jane Stadium	.....
11	Fri 28.11.03	7:30pm	Wollongong Wolves	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
1	Sun 30.11.03	tba	Sydney Olympic	OKI Jubilee Stadium	.....
12	Sat 06.12.03	8:00pm	Football Kingz	Ericsson Stadium	.....
13	Wed 10.12.03	7:30pm	Northern Spirit	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
14	Sun 14.12.03	4:00pm	Sydney Olympic	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
15	Sat 20.12.03	6:30pm	Parramatta Power	Parramatta Stadium	.....
16	Sun 28.12.03	4:00pm	Melbourne Knights	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
18	Wed 07.01.04	7:00pm	Brisbane Strikers	Perry Park	.....
19	Fri 09.01.04	7:30pm	Newcastle United	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
20	Sun 18.01.04	6:30pm	Sydney United	Sydney Utd Sports Centre	.....
21	Fri 23.01.04	7:30pm	Marconi Stallions	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
22	Sat 31.01.04	7:00pm	Perth Glory	Members Equity Stadium	.....
23	Fri 06.02.04	7:30pm	South Melbourne	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
3	Sun 08.02.04	6:00pm	Melbourne Knights	Knights Stadium	.....
24	Fri 13.02.04	7:35pm	Wollongong Wolves	WIN Stadium	.....
25	Fri 22.02.04	7:30pm	Football Kingz	Hindmarsh Stadium	.....
2	Wed 25.02.04	7:30pm	Parramatta Power	Hindmarsh Stadium	
26	Sun 29.02.04	tba	Northern Spirit	Pittwater Park	

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1. David Scarsella

Born 12-Oct-82 **Position** Goalkeeper
Australian representative honours
 Schoolboys
NSL statistics
 10 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club
 Adelaide City (NSL) –2003



7. David Terminello

Born 30-Aug-80 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Schoolboys, Under 17, Under 20
NSL statistics
 106 games / 6 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2001–2003
 Carlton (NSL) 1999–2000, Adelaide City (NSL) 1998–1999, SASI 1996–1997, Campbelltown (SA)



2. Richie Alagich

Born 30-Oct-73 **Position** Defender
Australian representative honours
 Schoolboys, Under 20, Under 23
NSL statistics
 176 games / 4 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs
 Brisbane Strikers (NSL) 2001–2003
 South Melbourne (NSL) 1999–2001
 West Adelaide (NSL) 1993–1999, Port Adelaide (SA) –1993



8. Carl Veart

Born 21-May-70 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Under 23, Socceroos (23 games)
NSL statistics
 279 games / 66 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 1998–2003, Millwall (England) 1998, Crystal Palace (England) 1996–1998, Sheffield Utd (England) 1994–1996, Adel City (NSL) 1989–1994, Salisbury (SA) 1988–1989, Whyalla Croatia (SA) –1987



3. Kristian Rees

Born 6-Jan-80 **Position** Defender
NSL statistics
 42 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2000–2003
 Para Hills (SA) –1999



9. Shane Smeltz

Born 29-Sep-81 **Position** Striker
Representative honours
 New Zealand Under 20, senior team
NSL statistics
 48 games / 7 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2002–2003
 Napier City (New Zealand) 2002
 Brisbane Strikers (NSL) 1999–2001
 Gold Coast City (Qld) 1999, QAS 1997–1998



4. Aaron Goulding

Born 29-Apr-82 **Position** Defender
Australian representative honours
 Under 17, Under 20, Under 23
NSL statistics
 20 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2000–2003
 Playford City (SA) 2000
 Para Hills (SA) 1999
 SASI 1997–1999, Para Hills (SA) –1996



10. Aurelio Vidmar (c)

Born 3-Feb-67 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Olympic team, Socceroos (53 games)
NSL statistics
 269 games / 50 goals / 3 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 1999–2003, San Frecce (Japan) 1998–1999, Tenerife (Spain) 1996–1998, Sion (Switzerland) 1996, Feyenoord (Holland) 1995–1996, Standard Liege (Belgium) 1994–1995, Waregem (Belgium) 1992–1994, Kortrijk (Belgium) 1991–92, Adelaide City (NSL) 1984–91



- Born and raised in Adelaide
- Played 53 games and scored 18 goals for the Socceroos from 1988 to 2001
- Scored Australia's goal in the 1–1 World Cup qualifier against Argentina, Sydney Football Stadium 1993
- Belgium's top scorer in 1994/95 with Standard Liege
- Oceania player of the year 1995

5. Mike Valkanis

Born 23-Aug-74 **Position** Defender
Australian representative honours Under 23
NSL statistics
 88 games / 3 goals / 2 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2002–2003
 Agios Nikolaos (Greece) 2001–2002
 Larissa (Greece) 1999–2001
 Iraklis (Greece) 1996–1999, South Melbourne (NSL) –1996



6. Ross Aloisi

Born 17-Apr-73 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours U17, U23, Socceroos (5 games)
NSL statistics
 104 games / 14 goals / 2 send-offs
Former clubs
 Pro Sesto (Italy) 2002–2003, Alzano (Italy) 2000–2002, Grazer (Austria) 1999–2000, Lorient (France) 1998, Aarau (Switzerland) 1997–1998, West Adelaide (NSL) 1995–1997, Brunswick (NSL) 1993–1994, Adelaide City (NSL) –1993, FC Boom (Belgium) 1992



11. Goran Lozanovski

Born 11-Jan-74 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Under 20, Under 23, Socceroos (9 games)
NSL statistics
 242 games / 27 goals / 4 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2002–2003, Aachen (Germany) 2001–2002, South Melbourne (NSL) 1997–2001, Collingwood Warriors (NSL) 1996–1997, Adelaide City (NSL) 1993–1996, Preston (NSL) 1991–1993, AIS, Altona Gate



12. Shane Thompson

Born 24-Nov-78 **Position** Defender
NSL statistics –
Former clubs
 Enfield Falcons (SA) 2003
 Northern Spirit (NSL) 2002–2003
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2001–2002
 Birkalla (SA) 2000–2001
 Adelaide City (SA) –2000



20. Robert Bajic

Born 29-Jul-77 **Position** Goalkeeper
NSL statistics –
Former clubs
 Raiders (SA) 2003
 Rochedale (Qld) 1998–2002
 Rocklea (Qld) 1995–1997
 Raiders (SA) –1994



14. Sean Widera

Born 18-Nov-81 **Position** Striker
NSL statistics –
Former clubs
 Raiders (SA) 2002
 Croydon (SA) 2001
 Adelaide City (SA) 2001
 Hibernian (Scotland) 1998–2000
 SASI 1996–1997, Adelaide City –1995



21. Adriano Pellegrino

Born 9-Jun-84 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Under 20
NSL statistics
 12 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club
 Adelaide City (NSL) –2003



15. Aaron Westervelt

Born 21-Nov-79 **Position** Midfielder
Australian representative honours
 Schoolboys
NSL statistics
 14 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Enfield Falcons (SA) 2003, Para Hills (SA) 2003, Birkalla (SA) 2001–2002, Elizabeth (SA) 1999–2000, West Adel (NSL) 1998–1999, AIS 1996–1997, SASI 1994–1995, APAC –1993



22. Nick Crossley

Born 12-Sep-87 **Position** Goalkeeper
Australian representative honours
 Under 17
NSL statistics –
Former clubs
 SASI 2002–2003
 Modbury (SA) –2001



17. Mimi Saric

Born 3-Sep-83 **Position** Striker
Australian representative honours
 Under 17
NSL statistics
 11 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2001–2003
 Raiders (SA) 2001
 AIS 2000, SASI 1998–1999, Campbelltown (SA) –1997



23. Nick Budin

Born 18-Mar-82 **Position** Striker
Australian representative honours
 Schoolboys
NSL statistics
 30 games / 5 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club
 Adelaide City (NSL) –2003



19. Elias Demourtzidis

Born 25-Jun-81 **Position** Striker
Australian representative honours Under 20
NSL statistics
 16 games / 2 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs
 Adelaide Olympic (SA) 2002–2003
 Sydney Olympic (NSL) 2001–2002
 South Melbourne (NSL) 2000, AIS 1999, West Adelaide (NSL) 1998–1999, SASI 1995–1997, West Adelaide (SA) –1994



24. Matthew Kemp

Born 8-Aug-80 **Position** Midfielder
NSL statistics
 75 games / 7 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs
 Adelaide City (NSL) 2001–2003
 Spal (Italy) 2000–2001
 Adelaide City (NSL) 1999–2000
 AIS 1998–1999
 Belconnen United (ACT) –1997



Coach: John Kosmina

- Born 7 August 1956, played for Croydon (Polonia) before joining West Adelaide in 1977
- Played 102 games and scored 45 goals for the Socceroos from 1976 and 1988
- Socceroo captain from 1982 to 1988
- Scored the NSL's first goal on 2 April 1977, for West Adelaide against Canberra City in Canberra
- Played 289 games and scored 133 goals in the NSL, for West Adelaide (1977, 1979–1980), Adelaide City (1978), Sydney City (1981–1986), Sydney Olympic (1987–1988) and APIA Leichhardt (1989)
- Spent 1977/78 at Arsenal, England
- Won NSW State League Championship as coach of Warringah Dolphins 1995

NSL coaching record

Season	Club	Games	W-D-L
95/96–97/98	Newcastle Breakers	85	15–23–47
99/00–02/03	Brisbane Strikers	140	48–36–56
03/04	Adelaide United	4	2–2–0
TOTAL NSL		229	65–61–103



**richie
alagich**

do you have a post/pre game ritual or routine?

Always do things in exactly the same order for each game.

what is the best advice your parents ever gave you?

Don't get married until you are 28...enjoy yourself...make the most of your opportunities.

what was your most embarrassing moment?

Turning up for a game - I was feeling pretty sick - then taking my tracksuit off to find out I had nothing underneath! (I was 10 years old at the time).

what is the highlight of your career

Representing Australia... and the first Adelaide United match v Brisbane Strikers.

what is your most annoying habit?

My wife would say pretending to listen!...and picking my finger nails.

both you and your sister Dianne are superstar footballers. where does the talent come from in your family?

Definitely the support we receive from mum and dad...and plenty of hard work.

did you and your sister compete against each other as kids?

Always...and not just Dianne...I had some great battles with my brothers as well!

what do you want to do when you retire from playing football?

Provide a healthy and happy lifestyle for my family.

you're already married and have a baby on the way. how do you feel about becoming a father?

Excited...on edge... basically I cannot wait another four weeks.

do you think your son/daughter will follow in your footsteps? would you encourage your kids into a career in sport?

I think as long as he/she tries a variety of sports I will be happy.

how long have you played in the nsl? and how do you feel about playing for adelaide united?

This is my tenth season... and definitely the most excited I have been in those ten years is playing for Adelaide United.



**aaron
goulding**

do you have a post/pre game ritual or routine?

Pre game: I always tie my left boot up first and always step onto the field with my left foot.

what is the best advice your parents ever gave you?

Always enjoy the game!

what was your most embarrassing moment?

I tripped on the ball during the warm up at our second home game this season - right in front of the eastern grandstand... there were a lot of people there.

what is the highlight of your career

Playing in the 1999 Under 17 World Cup final against Brazil in New Zealand - and scoring my penalty in the shoot-out... it was a huge honour to be part of the first Australian team to reach the final of a FIFA World Cup.

what is your most annoying habit?

I always check my soccer bag 100 times before I leave to make sure I have everything.

what do you want to do when you retire from playing football?

Relax and not do any training for a while...then run an extremely successful sports store!

how long have you played in the nsl? and how do you feel about playing for adelaide united?

This is my fourth season... playing for Adelaide United is one of the best things that has happened to me! I am so excited about everything that has happened with the club - and about everything that will happen with the club in the future.



club honours

First season	96/97
Champions (1)	02/03
Runners-up (2)	99/00, 01/02
Premiers (2)	99/00, 01/02
Finalists (5)	98/99, 99/00, 00/01, 01/02, 02/03

player honours

Most games	Scott Miller 203 games (96/97–03/04)
Most goals	Bobby Despotovski 93 goals (96/97–03/04)

**nsi statistics**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Best result	Worst result
All matches	220	122	44	54	430	268	W6-0 v Bris Strikers (14.02.99)	L0-6 v Parra Power (04.11.03)
In Adelaide	12	7	3	2	20	13	W6-4 v Adel City (18.03.01)	L1-3 v West Adel (22.10.96)
At Hindmarsh	12	7	3	2	20	13	W6-4 v Adel City (18.03.01)	L1-3 v West Adel (22.10.96)

league record (7 seasons)

Season	Ladder position	Teams	Av. home crowd	Top scorer – goals
96/97	7th	14	11909	Bobby Despotovski – 14
97/98	8th	14	14972	Bobby Despotovski – 8
98/99	3rd	15	14725	Con Boutsianis – 12
99/00	1st	16	12001	Con Boutsianis, Alistair Edwards – 13
00/01	3rd	15	13094	Damian Mori – 19
01/02	1st	13	12832	Damian Mori – 18
02/03	2nd	13	10277	Damian Mori – 24

PERTH GLORY IN ADELAIDE

Date	Opponent	Result
20.10.96	West Adel	L 1–3
23.03.97	Adel City	D 1–1
18.01.98	Adel City	W 1–0
15.03.98	West Adel	L 0–1
11.10.98	Adel City	W 1–0
07.02.99	West Adel	W 3–1
01.05.99	Adel City	D 0–0
18.02.00	Adel City	W 2–1
16.03.01	Adel City	W 6–4
22.03.02	Adel City	D 1–1
28.02.03	Adel City	W 2–0
09.05.03	Adel City	W 2–1

**perth
glory
history**

Perth Glory is Western Australia's first and only representative in the NSL. The club's entry to the league in 1996/97 gave the code a huge boost - finally after 20 years the 'national league' was an authentic national league.

It is interesting to note how 'national' the league had been over the years.

When the NSL started in 1977, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra were represented. Newcastle joined the year after. A national league competition was a revolutionary concept in Australian sport. The other two biggest football codes were firmly entrenched in their states of origin – in 1977 the major Australian Rules competition had all of its teams from the Melbourne/Geelong region, while rugby league's counterpart competition had all of its teams located within Sydney.

After a promising start however, the popularity and geographic coverage of the NSL contracted to the extent that by 1987 just one team – Adelaide City – existed from outside of Sydney and Melbourne. The turnaround was complete as the AFL (then called the VFL) expanded into Sydney, Perth and Adelaide, while the NSW-based Rugby League competition, the NRL (then NSWRL) introduced Brisbane and Canberra teams.

The underlying interest in the NSL was still there however, and by the mid 1990s the NSL became a national league again - but this time it was truly a national league with up to nine cities represented, including Perth. Following intelligent lead-up work - including a feasibility study which showed that around 100,000 people were involved in the round ball code in WA, a backbone of support was now considered strong enough to sustain the expensive business of maintaining a NSL team in geographically isolated Perth.

But was the quality there? A test case was the Perth Kangaroos, who in 1994 entered the Singapore Premier League - a competition intending to be a forerunner to a wider south-east Asian league. But this league turned out to a one-year farce - only because Perth won every game that season! In 1995 a full-strength West Ham travelled to Perth to play the WA state team - WA won this game on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

Perth Glory's entry in 1996 immediately raised the standard of the NSL where the league needed it most: off the field. The Glory's regular attendances of 15,000 were unprecedented, sponsorship money was huge and suddenly the 'Perth-model' was the buzzword as other NSL teams wondered how they could emulate the Glory revolution.

After two years of mid-table performances, the on-field success soon emulated the off-field heights. The Glory reached the Grand Final in just its fourth year, drawing 3-3 but losing on penalties in a truly classic encounter to Wollongong Wolves after being ahead 3-0. Two years later the club was back at the season climax, but again a loss beckoned, 0-1 to Sydney Olympic. Championship honours finally arrived at the third attempt, with a comprehensive 2-0 Grand Final win over Olympic in 2003.

Perth lost a few prominent players over the 2003 off-season, including Simon Colosimo, Andre Gumprecht (both to Parramatta Power) and David Tarka (Nottingham Forest) but more than made up for the losses by signing Tom Pondeljak, Wayne Srhoj and Jade North - all three from Sydney Olympic and a large part of Olympic's revival over 2001-2003. The club also signed up Shaun Murphy from Sheffield United, who returned to Australia after almost 12 years in England. Nothing short of another Championship will satisfy the Glory's fans in season 2003/04.

1. Jason Petkovic

Born: 07-Dec-72 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Australian honours: Socceroos
NSL stats: debut 93/94 season
 281 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 99/00 season
 126 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL),
 Spearwood Dalmatinac (WA)

2. Matthew Horsley

Born: 09-Jun-72 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Socceroos
NSL stats: debut 90/91 season
 345 games / 41 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 01/02 season
 61 games / 5 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Wollongong Wolves (NSL),
 Balgownie (NSW)

3. Matthew Bingley

Born: 16-Aug-71 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Socceroos, U20
NSL stats: debut 1988 season
 310 games / 44 goals / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 6 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Newcastle United (NSL),
 Northern Spirit (NSL), JEF United (Japan),
 Vissel Kobe (Japan), Marconi (NSL), St
 George (NSL), St George (NSW),
 Parramatta Eagles (NSW)

4. Bradley Hassell

Born: 25-Apr-74 **Position:** Attacker
Australian honours: U23
NSL stats: debut 93/94 season
 264 games / 57 goals / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 01/02 season
 50 games / 13 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Mod-
 bury (SA), White City (SA), Croydon (SA)

5. Shaun Murphy

Born: 05-Nov-70 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: Socceroos, U23, U20
NSL stats: debut 89/90 season
 26 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 7 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sheffield United (England),
 Crystal Palace (England), West Bromwich
 Albion (England), Notts County (England),
 Heidelberg (NSL), Blacktown (NSL),
 Sorrento (WA), Perth SC (WA), AIS

6. Wayne Srhoj

Born: 23-Mar-82 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: U20, U17
NSL stats: debut 97/98 season
 104 games / 1 goal / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 6 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sydney Olympic (NSL),
 Brisbane Strikers (NSL), AIS

7. Scott Miller

Born: 18-May-72 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: Socceroos
NSL stats: debut 94/95 season
 252 games / 20 goals / 2 send-offs
Glory: debut 96/97 season
 203 games / 17 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Morwell Falcons (NSL),
 Perth Kangaroos (Singapore), Spearwood
 Dalmatinac (WA), Perth SC (WA)

8. Anthony Danze

Born: 15-Mar-84 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: U17
NSL stats: -
Former clubs: AIS, Joondalup City (WA)

9. Nick Mrdja

Born: 30-Nov-78 **Position:** Attacker
NSL stats: debut 98/99 season
 56 games / 11 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 00/01 season
 53 games / 11 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Canberra Cosmos (NSL),
 Perth SC (WA), Kingsway Olympic (WA),
 Bayswater (WA)

10. Bobby Despotovski

Born: 14-Jul-71 **Position:** Attacker
Australian honours: Socceroos
NSL stats: debut 94/95 season
 218 games / 103 goals / 3 send-offs
Glory: debut 96/97 season
 194 games / 93 goals / 3 send-offs
Former clubs: Morwell Falcons (NSL), Heid-
 elberg (NSL), Floreat Athena (WA), Heidel-
 berg (VIC), Dinamo Pancevo (Yugoslavia)

11. Jade North

Born: 07-Jan-82 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Socceroos, U23, U20, U17
NSL stats: debut 98/99 season
 114 games / 6 goals / 2 send-offs
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 6 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sydney Olympic (NSL),
 Brisbane Strikers (NSL), AIS

12. Mark Byrnes

Born: 08-Feb-82 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: U23, U20, U17
NSL stats: debut 99/00 season
 37 games / 2 goals / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 7 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sydney Olympic (NSL),
 Vicenza (Italy), Salzburg (Austria),
 Parramatta Power (NSL)

15. Tom Pondeljak

Born: 08-Jan-76 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Socceroos
NSL stats: debut 95/96 season
 227 games / 51 goals / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 7 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sydney Olympic (NSL),
 Sydney United (NSL), Melbourne Knights
 (NSL), St Albans (VIC)

16. Damian Mori

Born: 30-Sep-70 **Position:** Attacker
Australian honours: Socceroos, U23
NSL stats: debut 1989 season
 392 games / 214 goals / 1 send-off
Glory: debut 00/01 season
 93 games / 66 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL),
 Borussia Moenchengladbach (Germany),
 Melbourne Knights (NSL), Sunshine (NSL),
 South Melbourne (NSL), Bulleen (VIC),
 Brunswick (VIC), Box Hill (VIC)

17. Gary Faria

Born: 09-Apr-79 **Position:** Utility
NSL stats: debut 99/00 season
 63 games / 5 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 99/00 season
 63 games / 5 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Fremantle City (WA)

20. Vince Matassa

Born: 21-Sep-73 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Australian honours: U20
NSL stats: debut 94/95 season
 36 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 96/97 season
 12 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Woking (England),
 Wycombe Wanderers (England), Morwell
 Falcons (NSL), Perth Kangaroos
 (Singapore), Perth SC (WA), AIS

21. Adrian Caceres

Born: 10-Jan-82 **Position:** Attacker
NSL stats: debut 03/04 season
 7 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 7 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Brentford (England), Hull
 City (England), Southampton (England),
 Perth SC (WA)

24. Jamie Coyne

Born: 02-Feb-81 **Position:** Defender
NSL stats: debut 03/04 season
 5 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Glory: debut 03/04 season
 5 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: West Ham United
 (England), Perth SC (WA)

COACH - MICH D'AVRAY

- Born 19 February 1962 in South Africa
- Played 211 games and scored 37 goals for Ipswich Town from 1979 to 1990, and three games (no goals) for Leicester City in 1987 in England, mainly as a striker
- Represented England at the Under 21 level twice in 1984
- Employed continuously in coaching roles 1991–1998 in South Africa, including U23 national coach 1996–1998
- Assistant coach at Perth Glory from 1998/99 to 2000/01
- NSL Championship-winning coach at Glory 2002/03

NSL coaching record

Season	Club	Games	W-D-L
01/02–03/04	Perth Glory	69	47–10–12



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No.	Name	Age	2003-04.....	
			Games	Goals
1	David Scarsella	21	4	0
2	Richie Alagich	30	4	0
3	Kristian Rees	23	4	0
4	Aaron Goulding	21	4	0
5	Mike Valkanis	29	4	0
6	Ross Aloisi	30	4	0
7	David Terminello	23	3	0
8	Carl Veart	33	4	3
9	Shane Smeltz	22	—	—
10	Aurelio Vidmar	36	4	1
11	Goran Lozanovski	29	4	0
12	Shane Thompson	24	—	—
14	Sean Widera	21	—	—
15	Aaron Westervelt	23	1	0
17	Mimi Saric	20	3	0
19	Elias Demourtzidis	22	4	0
20	Robert Bajic	26	—	—
21	Adriano Pellegrino	19	4	0
23	Nick Budin	21	—	—
24	Matthew Kemp	23	4	0

FORM GUIDE past four games

Result	Opponent (home/away)	Scorers
W 1-0	Brisbane Strikers (H)	Veart 38'
W 3-2	Newcastle United (A)	Veart 64'p 78' Vidmar 73'
D 0-0	Sydney United (H)	
D 0-0	Marconi Stallions (A)	

perth glory

No.	Name	Age	2003-04.....	
			Games	Goals
1	Jason Petkovic	30	7	0
2	Matthew Horsley	31	7	0
3	Matthew Bingley	32	6	0
4	Bradley Hassell	29	7	2
5	Shaun Murphy	33	7	0
6	Wayne Srhoj	21	6	0
7	Scott Miller	31	3	0
8	Anthony Danze	19	—	—
9	Nick Mrdja	24	3	0
10	Bobby Despotovski	32	7	3
11	Jade North	21	6	0
12	Mark Byrnes	21	7	0
15	Tom Pondeljak	27	7	3
16	Damian Mori	33	7	5
17	Gary Faria	24	2	0
20	Vince Matassa	30	—	—
21	Adrian Caceres	21	7	1
24	Jamie Coyne	22	5	0

FORM GUIDE past five games

Result	Opponent (h/a)	Scorers
W 3-1	Kingz (A)	Despotovski 48' Pondeljak 57' Mori 67'
W 5-3	Nthn Spirit (A)	Pondeljak 11' Mori 12' Despotovski 14' Hassell 43' 48'
W 2-0	Olympic (A)	Mori 37' 76'
L 0-6	Parra Power (A)	
W 1-0	South Melb (H)	Despotovski 62'p



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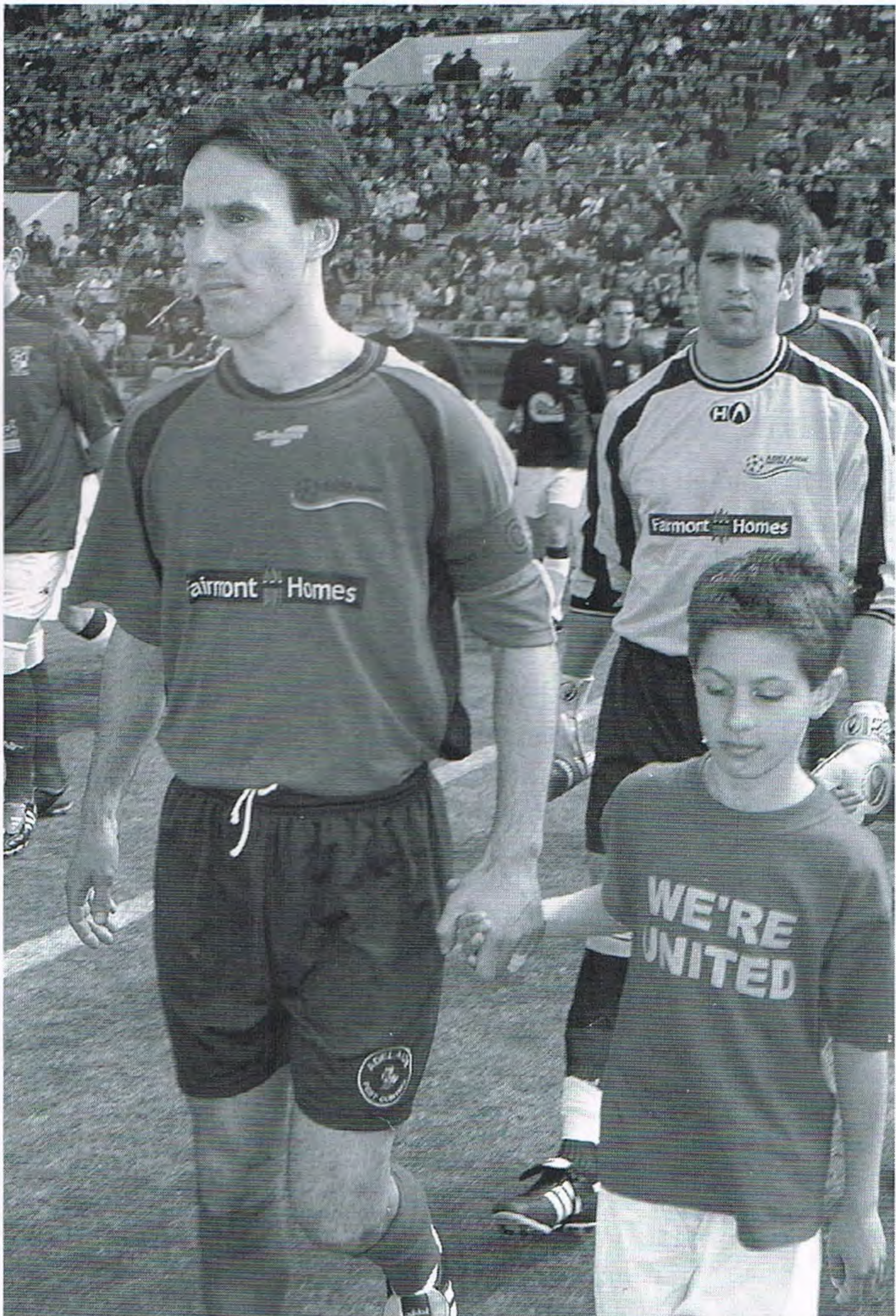
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No.	Name	Age	2003-04.....	
			Games	Goals
1	Emma Wirkus	21	3	0
2	Marie Lathouros	18	1	0
3	Leanne Slater	19	4	1
4	Dianne Alagich	24	1	0
5	Amy Shigrov	16	4	0
6	Chichi May	20	4	1
7	Roushan Walsh	16	3	0
8	Nenita Burgess	18	3	0
9	Stacey Stocco	19	2	0
10	Vicki Balomenos	15	4	2
11	Lisa De Vanna	19	4	1
12	Ann Marie Ralph	20	1	0
13	Hannah Vogt	16	3	0
14	Collette McCallum	17	3	0
15	Katherine Wilson	21	4	0
16	Christina Papageorgiou	18	2	0
17	Marie Spagnoletti	24	4	0
18	Stacey Day	14	3	0
19	Kirralea Brock	15	1	0
21	Leanne Gubbins	19	1	0
22	Cheryl Salisbury	29	—	—

Coach: Kevin McCormack

canberra eclipse

No.	Name	Age	2003-04.....	
			Games	Goals
1	Amy Beattie	23	3	0
2	Sacha Wainwright	31	—	—
3	Rhian Davies	22	4	0
4	Gill Foster	27	—	—
5	Nicole Somi	16	4	0
6	Amy Taylor	24	3	0
7	Amy Wilson	23	4	0
8	Peita-Claire Hepperlin	21	4	0
9	Caitlin Muñoz	20	4	0
10	Tal Karp	21	4	1
11	Amy Chapman	16	4	0
12	Katrina Staniforth	20	4	0
13	Erin Frewin	17	1	0
14	Gwen David	19	3	0
15	Ellie Brush	15	2	0
16	Emily Parker	20	4	0
17	Anna Doyle	15	3	0
18	Tabitha Metherell	16	—	—
19	Cian Maciejewski	16	1	0
20	Lisa Hartley	19	1	0
41	Jenna Maciejewski	16	1	1

Coach: Airtion Andrioli

adelaide sensation players

1. Emma Wirkus

Born: 11-Jan-82 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Playing history: US College/W-League.
WNSL 96/97 00/01

2. Marie Lathouros

Born: 23-Oct-85 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: WNSL 01/02

3. Leanne Slater

Born: 06-Mar-84 **Position:** Mid/Att
Playing history: WNSL 01/02-02/03

4. Dianne Alagich

Born: 12-May-79 **Position:** Defender
Playing history: World Cup '99 '03.
Olympic Games '00. WUSA '01-03

5. Amy Shigrov

Born: 26-Aug-87 **Position:** Defender
Playing history: SA Yth Team '02.
SA Jnr Team '00 '03

6. Chichi May

Born: 13-Oct-83 **Position:** Defender
Playing history: Australian U19 Team
'01. US W-League '03

7. Roushan Walsh

Born: 20-Mar-87 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: Australian U14 Squad
'01. WNSL 01/02-02/03

8. Nenita Burgess

Born: 29-Sep-85 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: WNSL 01/02-02/03

9. Stacey Stocco

Born: 03-Apr-84 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: U19 World C'ship '02.
US W-League '03

10. Vicki Balomenos

Born: 14-Feb-88 **Position:** Attacker
Playing history: WNSL 02/03

11. Lisa De Vanna

Born: 14-Nov-84 **Position:** Attacker
Playing history: Australian U19 Team
'02. WNSL POY 2003. From WA

12. Ann Marie Ralph

Born: 21-Feb-83 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: WNSL 02/03

13. Hannah Vogt

Born: 16-Apr-87 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: SA Yth Team '02.
SA Jnr Team '00 '01, '03

14. Collette McCallum

Born: 26-Mar-86 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: Australian U19 Team
'01 '02. From WA

15. Katherine Wilson

Born: 04-Nov-82 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: US College '01. NSW
Jnr Team '98.

16. Christina Papageorgiou

Born: 06-May-85 **Position:** Mid/Att
Playing history: WNSL 01/02-02/03

17. Marie Spagnoletti

Born: 26-Jan-79 **Position:** Midfielder
Playing history: WNSL 98/99-00/01

18. Stacey Day

Born: 29-Nov-88 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: SA Jnr Team '01 '03

19. Kirralea Brock

Born: 08-Aug-88 **Position:** Defender
Playing history: SA Jnr Team '01 '03

20. Chelsea Hodge

Born: 10-Mar-86 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: WNSL 01/02-02/03

21. Leanne Gubbins

Born: 22-Dec-83 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Playing history: WNSL 01/02-02/03

22. Cheryl Salisbury

Born: 08-Mar-74 **Position:** Def/Mid
Playing history: World Cup '95 '99 '03.
Olympic Games '00. WUSA '03

23. Nyssa Griffin

Born: 28-Nov-85 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Playing history: SA Yth Team '01-'03

wnsl ladder 2003/04

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NSW Sapphires	4	3	1	-	13	2	10
Queensland Sting	4	3	1	-	11	3	10
Victoria Vision	4	1	2	1	7	10	5
Canberra Eclipse	4	1	1	2	2	3	4
Adelaide Sensation	4	1	-	3	5	8	3
NNSW Pride	4	-	1	3	7	19	1

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17 Oct 03	Queensland Sting (home)	L	1-4
26 Oct 03	NNSW Pride (away)	W	3-1
02 Nov 03	NSW Sapphires (home)	L	1-2
08 Nov 03	Victoria Vision (home)	L	0-1
16 Nov 03	Canberra Eclipse (home)		
22 Nov 03	Queensland Sting (away)		
28 Nov 03	NNSW Pride (Canberra)		
30 Nov 03	Victoria Vision (Canberra)		
07 Dec 03	NSW Sapphires (away)		
13 Dec 03	Canberra Eclipse (away)		
20 Dec 03	grand final (top two of regular season)		
dates subject to change			

wnsl history

The Women's National Soccer League commenced in 1996. A Grand Final (preceded by semi finals in some seasons) has always been used to determine the Champion team.

Season	Champions	Runners-up
1996/97	Qld Academy	SASI
1997/98	NSW Institute	SASI
1998/99	SASI Pirates	Canberra Eclipse
1999/00	NSW Sapphires	SASI
2000/01	Qld Sting	NSW Sapphires
2001/02	Canberra Eclipse	NSW Sapphires
2002/03	Qld Sting	NSW Sapphires

South Australia's one and only Grand Final victory was secured over Canberra in 1998/99. SASI won the Grand Final 2-0, with both goals scored by Sharon Black.

In 2002/03 Adelaide Sensation finished fourth.

ADELAIDE UNITED 0

SYDNEY UNITED 0

Hindmarsh Stadium, 2 November 2003

Andrew Howe, Soccer Information Services

Two blatant misses – one from either team – ensured a scoreless stalemate in front of another impressive crowd at a blustery Hindmarsh Stadium.



After a whirlwind season start, with two wins from its first two games, the new Adelaide team and the near-capacity 14413 audience endured a slight reality check against mid-table Sydney United.

The visitors could well have returned to Sydney with all three points following Brendan Santalab's one-on-one with Adelaide United goalkeeper David Scarsella late in the match. From 25 metres out Santalab successfully chipped over Scarsella, only to watch the ball bounce just to the side of the goalmouth in what really should have been a match-winner for Sydney United.

The match started in Adelaide United's favour, and as early as the first minute it was Carl Veart who almost nabbed his fourth goal in three games when he just missed heading in from a corner. At the 20 minute mark another strong header from Lozanovski just went over – and signalled an end to Adelaide's dominance.

Perhaps lifted by the near-sellout crowd, a young Sydney United outfit then outclassed Adelaide until half time. Chances to Franco Parisi (38th minute) and Paul Ivanic (44th) almost put Sydney United in front, while Adelaide were also lucky not to be caught out playing the offside trap on several occasions. Twenty-one year old Scarsella made some quality saves and seems to be growing in confidence with every match.

Soon after the break came Adelaide United's golden opportunity with Liam Reddy in the Sydney United goal caught stranded as Veart lobbed from 25 meters. *It was a open goal, but the striker's shot went just wide much to the annoyance of a vocal yet tense home crowd.*

The second half was played out relatively evenly, with Brendan Santalab's frustrating near-miss coming in the 85th minute almost snatching an upset away victory. It was Santalab's first appearance for Sydney United in 2003-04 after recently returning from a stint in Singapore.

Perhaps due to the strong wind, the game was marred by many misdirected passes and other unpressured turnovers, especially in the first half. In the end chances at goal were a rarity and, quite surprisingly to many, Adelaide United ended the match without getting one single shot on target.

It was a stark contrast to the debut home match two weeks previous when the home team had fired a barrage of shots at goal in a 1-0 win over Brisbane Strikers.

Speaking after the game, John Kosmina felt his team overplayed the ball too much – allowing a young and fit Sydney United to close in on the Adelaide United attack too often for the Adelaide coach's liking. Kosmina felt that his side was not quite switched on. Home captain Aurelio Vidmar concurred, conceding that the expectations on the suddenly high-profile Adelaide United were enormous and perhaps the pressure of the occasion had got to the team.

But not to take anything away from Sydney United: a team written off by many at the start of the season revelled in front of the big crowd. At the post-match conference coach Grant Lee, with the last-gasp near-miss clearly on his mind, seemed overall content with his team and praised its high work rate. He gave special mention to a very busy Anthony Doumanis, a midfielder traditionally regarded for his skill rather than workload.

It was the first scoreless NSL draw seen in Adelaide since March 2001.

Adelaide United: David Scarsella, Aaron Goulding, Mike Valkanis, Kristian Rees, Richie Alagich, Matthew Kemp (Adriano Pellegrino 78'), Goran Lozanovski, Ross Aloisi, Aurelio Vidmar, Carl Veart (Mir Saric 82'), Elias Demourtzidis.

Sydney United: Liam Reddy, Joe Vrkic, Damon Collina, Mark Rudai, Michael Cunico, David Huxley, Marko Filipovic, Anthony Doumanis, Labinot Haliti, Paul Ivanic (Brendan Santalab 60'), Franco Parisi (Antony Zmire 79').

mark baylis' match stats

	AU	SU
Total shots on goal	6	7
Shots on target	0	4
Into penalty area	13	13
Off sides	1	5
Corners	3	2
Unpressured turnovers	17	15
Free kicks	19	17
Yellow cards	1	3
Red Cards	0	0

MARCONI STALLIONS 0

ADELAIDE UNITED 0

Marconi Stadium, 8 November 2003

Dom Rinaldo, Sports Presenter, radio 5DN



A drab draw at Marconi Stadium seemed to be highlighted by the yellow card count more than the shots at goal.

In total there were nine yellow cards dished out by South Australian referee Craig Zetter. Marconi's livewire striker Joe Spiteri was sent off in the final ten minutes when he received his second yellow for the night.

Away from the cards, the game was probably best described as an arm wrestle, not too dissimilar to the Sydney United match with both defences and midfield working overtime.

Adelaide goalkeeper David Scarsella is looking more comfortable with every match, and he will need to be at his best today against Perth Glory. It was pleasing to see newcomer Aaron Westervelt perform well against Marconi, and the former West Adelaide player did not look out of place in the still undefeated team.

The boys looked relaxed at the team hotel when I arrived Saturday afternoon. Former Adelaide Boy Lucas Pantelis - now with Parramatta Power - paid us a visit to say hi and was pretty excited about the happenings in Adelaide with the big crowds and the hype. Adelaide coach John Kosmina, who always looks relaxed before a game, was looking forward to the Marconi clash as a good test for his boys.

In the end the nil-all scoreline was maybe a fair result, although the Adelaide defence had to contend with a lot of pressure.

It is fair to say that today's match against Perth is the team's biggest test so far. Perth Glory has never been defeated in Adelaide – but there is a first time for everything.

Marconi Stallions: Michael Turnbull, Chad Gibson, Dominic Longo, Luke Casserly, Brendan Renaud, Angelo Costanzo, Grant Last, Michael Thwaite, Nick Carle, Jeromy Harris, Joe Spiteri.

Adelaide United: David Scarsella, Aaron Goulding, Mike Valkanis, Kristian Rees, Richie Alagich, Aaron Westervelt (Elias Demourtzidis 75'), Matthew Kemp (Adriano Pellegrino 70'), Ross Aloisi, Goran Lozanovski (David Terminello 61'), Carl Veart, Aurelio Vidmar.

Enjoy today's game against Perth Glory, and remember you will hear EVERY ADELAIDE UNITED MATCH LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on your Official NSL Soccer Station 5DN 1323am.



not today please jason!

Perth Glory goalkeeper **Jason Petkovic** needs just one more clean sheet to establish a new NSL record for **most clean sheets** by a goalkeeper.

A clean sheet is obtained by a goalkeeper when the player plays a full match without conceding a goal.

Currently Petkovic is on 105 clean sheets, equal with Bob Catlin who played in the NSL between 1984 and 2001/02 for APIA, Marconi, Olympic, Newcastle Breakers and Newcastle United.

Petkovic commenced his NSL career at Adelaide City in 1993/94. He moved to Perth in 1999/2000.

NSL GOALKEEPERS - MOST CLEAN SHEETS

105	Bob Catlin (345 games)	1984-2001/02
105	Jason Petkovic (281 games)	1993/94-continuing
88	Gary Meier (296 games)	1977-1992/93
87	Clint Bolton (280 games)	1993/94-continuing
87	Mike Gibson (288 games)	1984-1999/00

NSL STAT FACT

Today Adelaide United coach JOHN KOSMINA becomes outright **ninth** in the list of **most NSL games coached**.

NSL COACHES - MOST GAMES COACHED

Games	Coach	NSL career span
468	Zoran Matic	1986-2002/03
429	Frank Arok	1982-1997/98
332	Manfred Schaefer	1977-1998/99
312	Rale Rasic	1977-2002/03
298	Raul Blanco	1979-2002/03
272	Eddie Thomson	1980-1986
266	Branko Culina	1992/93-2002/03
264	John Margaritis	1977-1993/94
229	John Kosmina	1995/96-continuing
229	David Ratcliffe	1987-1999/2000

after round 8, 2003/04 season

another scoreless sunday?

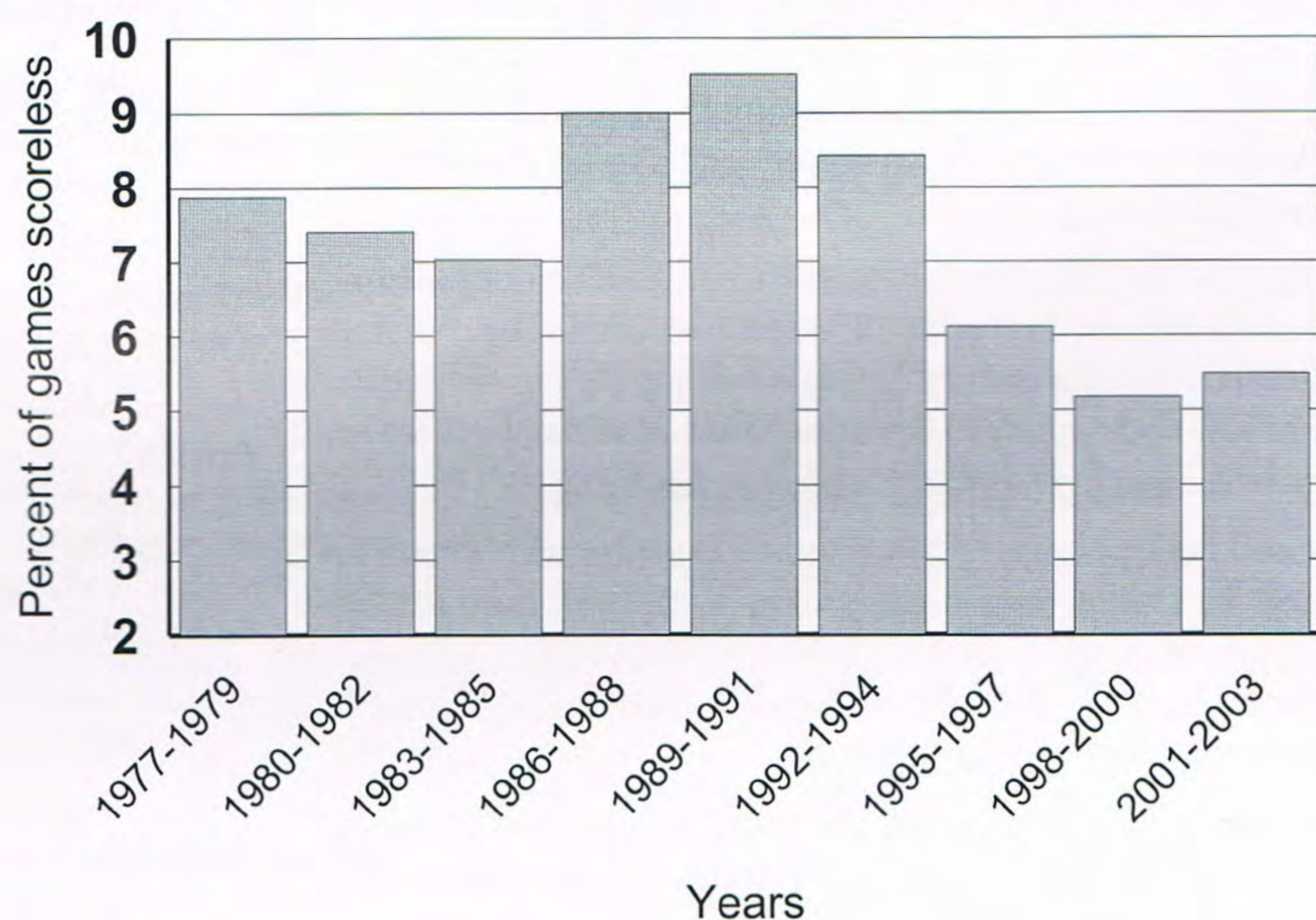
Even though Adelaide United has drawn its last two matches nil-all, a **scoreless draw** is still a relatively rare scoreline in the NSL.

In all 5706 NSL games played until last weekend, there had been 418 nil-all draws. In other words, only **7.3 per cent** of all NSL games -- or about one out of every 14 games -- results in a scoreless draw.

This ratio has **decreased over time**: from 1977 until 1985 around 7 to 8 per cent of games were scoreless; between 1985 and 1994 around 8 to 9.5 per cent of games were scoreless; however since 1995, only around 5 to 6 per cent of games were scoreless draws.

Only once before today has a NSL team played **three** scoreless draws in a row: in November 1991 Sydney team Parramatta Eagles drew 0-0 with Preston, then Newcastle Breakers, and finally APIA Leichhardt.

Frequency of scoreless draws in the NSL (%)



NSL STAT FACT

Parramatta's 6-0 pounding of Perth Glory two weeks ago ranks as the equal **biggest defeat of a reigning Champion team**.

BIGGEST WINS OVER REIGNING CHAMPIONS

by six goals

02.11.03	Parra Power W6-0 v Perth (2002/03 Champions)
23.01.00	Olympic W6-0 v South Melb (1998/99 Champions)

by five goals

14.04.96	Adel City W5-0 v Melb Knights (1994/95 Champions)
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by four goals

27.11.99	Bris Strikers W5-1 v South Melb (1998/9 Champions)
11.01.98	South Melb W5-1 v Bris Strikers (1996/97 Champions)
22.05.83	Preston W4-0 v Sydney City (1982 Champions)
27.03.83	Olympic W5-1 v Sydney City (1982 Champions)
08.06.80	Blacktown W5-1 v Marconi (1979 Champions)

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Round 1 (19-21 September)

Wollongong Wolves	Sydney United	0	1
Parramatta Power	South Melbourne	0	0
Football Kingz	Newcastle United	1	2
Melbourne Knights	Marconi Stallions	1	1
Northern Spirit	Brisbane Strikers	1	3

Round 2 (26-28 September)

Newcastle United	Northern Spirit	2	1
Brisbane Strikers	Sydney Olympic	1	1
Marconi Stallions	Wollongong Wolves	2	1
Perth Glory	Melbourne Knights	3	0
Sydney United	Football Kingz	2	1

Round 3 (3-4 October)

Wollongong Wolves	South Melbourne	0	4
Brisbane Strikers	Perth Glory	0	0
Marconi Stallions	Newcastle United	1	1
Northern Spirit	Sydney Olympic	4	0
Parramatta Power	Football Kingz	4	1

Round 4 (10-12 October)

Newcastle United	Parramatta Power	1	1
Football Kingz	Perth Glory	1	3
Marconi Stallions	Northern Spirit	2	1
Melbourne Knights	Wollongong Wolves	1	2
South Melbourne	Brisbane Strikers	0	1
Sydney Olympic	Sydney United	1	0

Round 5/13 (17-19 October)

Adelaide United	Brisbane Strikers	1	0
Newcastle United(r13)	Wollongong Wolves	2	0
Football Kingz	Melbourne Knights	1	2
Northern Spirit	Perth Glory	3	5
South Melbourne	Newcastle United	4	1
Sydney Olympic	Marconi Stallions	1	2
Sydney United	Parramatta Power	0	2

Round 6 (24-26 October)

Newcastle United	Adelaide United	2	3
Marconi Stallions	Parramatta Power	1	2
Melbourne Knights	Northern Spirit	0	1
Sydney Olympic	Perth Glory	0	2
Sydney United	South Melbourne	0	0

Round 7 (1-2 November)

Brisbane Strikers	Newcastle United	2	1
Adelaide United	Sydney United	0	0
Northern Spirit	Wollongong Wolves	3	0
Parramatta Power	Perth Glory	6	0
South Melbourne	Marconi Stallions	2	0
Sydney Olympic	Melbourne Knights	0	2

Round 8 (7-9 November)

Wollongong Wolves	Sydney Olympic	0	1
Football Kingz	Northern Spirit	0	2
Marconi Stallions	Adelaide United	0	0
Parramatta Power	Melbourne Knights	4	0
Perth Glory	South Melbourne	1	0
Sydney United	Brisbane Strikers	3	0

Round 9 (14-16 November)

Newcastle United	Sydney United
Wollongong Wolves	Parramatta Power
Marconi Stallions	Brisbane Strikers
Adelaide United	Perth Glory
Melbourne Knights	South Melbourne
Sydney Olympic	Football Kingz

Round 10 (21-23 November)

Newcastle United	Sydney Olympic
Brisbane Strikers	Parramatta Power
Football Kingz	Marconi Stallions
Northern Spirit	Sydney United
South Melbourne	Adelaide United
Wollongong Wolves	Perth Glory

Round 11/1 (28-30 November)

Adelaide United	Wollongong Wolves
Newcastle United	Perth Glory
Brisbane Strikers	Melbourne Knights
Parramatta Power	Northern Spirit
Sydney Olympic	Adelaide United (r1)
South Melbourne	Football Kingz
Sydney United	Marconi Stallions

Round 12 (5-7 December)

Wollongong Wolves	Brisbane Strikers
Football Kingz	Adelaide United
Perth Glory	Sydney United
Melbourne Knights	Newcastle United
Northern Spirit	South Melbourne
Sydney Olympic	Parramatta Power

Round 13 (10 December)

Adelaide United	Northern Spirit
Brisbane Strikers	Football Kingz
Marconi Stallions	Perth Glory
South Melbourne	Sydney Olympic
Sydney United	Melbourne Knights

Round 14 (12-14 December)

Newcastle United	Football Kingz
Brisbane Strikers	Northern Spirit
Marconi Stallions	Melbourne Knights
Adelaide United	Sydney Olympic
South Melbourne	Parramatta Power
Sydney United	Wollongong Wolves

Round 15/18 (19-21 December)

Football Kingz	Sydney United
Wollongong Wolves	Marconi Stallions
Newcastle United	South Melbourne(r18)
Parramatta Power	Adelaide United
Melbourne Knights	Perth Glory
Northern Spirit	Newcastle United
Sydney Olympic	Brisbane Strikers

Round 16 (27-28 December)

Newcastle United	Marconi Stallions
Perth Glory	Brisbane Strikers
South Melbourne	Wollongong Wolves
Adelaide United	Melbourne Knights
Football Kingz	Parramatta Power
Sydney Olympic	Northern Spirit

Round 17 (3-4 January)

Brisbane Strikers	South Melbourne
Parramatta Power	Newcastle United
Perth Glory	Football Kingz
Northern Spirit	Marconi Stallions
Sydney United	Sydney Olympic
Wollongong Wolves	Melbourne Knights

Round 18 (7 January)

Brisbane Strikers	Adelaide United
Marconi Stallions	Sydney Olympic
Melbourne Knights	Football Kingz
Parramatta Power	Sydney United

Round 19 (10-11 January)

Parramatta Power	Marconi Stallions
Perth Glory	Sydney Olympic
Adelaide United	Newcastle United
Football Kingz	Wollongong Wolves
Northern Spirit	Melbourne Knights
South Melbourne	Sydney United

Round 20/6 (16-19 January)

Newcastle United	Brisbane Strikers
Wollongong Wolves	Northern Spirit
Marconi Stallions	South Melbourne
Perth Glory	Parramatta Power
Melbourne Knights	Sydney Olympic
Sydney United	Adelaide United
Wollongong Wolves	Football Kingz (r6)

Round 18 (21 January)

Perth Glory	Northern Spirit
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Round 21 (23-26 January)

Adelaide United	Marconi Stallions
Brisbane Strikers	Sydney United
Melbourne Knights	Parramatta Power
Northern Spirit	Football Kingz
Sydney Olympic	Wollongong Wolves
South Melbourne	Perth Glory

Round 22 (31 January - 1 February)

Brisbane Strikers	Marconi Stallions
Football Kingz	Sydney Olympic
Parramatta Power	Wollongong Wolves
Perth Glory	Adelaide United
South Melbourne	Melbourne Knights
Sydney United	Newcastle United

Round 23/3 (6-8 February)

Adelaide United	South Melbourne
Marconi Stallions	Football Kingz
Parramatta Power	Brisbane Strikers
Perth Glory	Wollongong Wolves
Melbourne Knights	Adelaide United (r3)
Sydney Olympic	Newcastle United
Sydney United	Northern Spirit

Round 24 (13-15 February)

Football Kingz	South Melbourne
Wollongong Wolves	Adelaide United
Marconi Stallions	Sydney United
Perth Glory	Newcastle United
Melbourne Knights	Brisbane Strikers
Northern Spirit	Parramatta Power

Round 25 (20-22 February)

Adelaide United	Football Kingz
Newcastle United	Melbourne Knights
Brisbane Strikers	Wollongong Wolves
Parramatta Power	Sydney Olympic
South Melbourne	Northern Spirit
Sydney United	Perth Glory

Round 2 (25 February)

Adelaide United	Parramatta Power
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Round 26 (29 February)

Football Kingz	Brisbane Strikers
Melbourne Knights	Sydney United
Northern Spirit	Adelaide United
Perth Glory	Marconi Stallions
Sydney Olympic	South Melbourne
Wollongong Wolves	Newcastle United

soccer rules OK

Allan Crisp

How many people will be watching their first soccer game at Hindmarsh Stadium today when Adelaide United tackles Perth Glory?

Unless ground announcer Scott McBain asks that question and calls for a show of hands, we will not solve that mystery.

Scott is too smart to pose the query just before calling for the expected sell-out crowd to perform the "Mexican Wave."

There is little doubt there were many first timers among the multitudes of potential converts who watched Adelaide's first two home matches.

After the second home match against Sydney United, former colleague at "The Advertiser" Michelangelo Rucci, compared the general crowd reaction to that of the new fans who saw the Adelaide Crows make their debut on the national stage.

While lacking the knowledge of the experienced supporters, the uninitiated newcomers were enthusiastic and ready to learn.

But, it's a safe bet that the "Offside" rule would be the most difficult for any convert to understand.

Former players and life-long supporters of the beautiful game unleash the loudest howls of protest when a close call on Law 11 (offside), is given.

Offside is certainly the most contentious law of the 17 abridged rules of the otherwise simple game.

Quote, "A player is in an offside position if he (or she) is nearer to an opponent's goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent.



level with the last two opponents.

A player in an offside position is only penalised if the ball touches or is played by one of his team and is interfering with play, interfering with an opponent, or gaining an advantage by being in that position.

gains an advantage from being in that position.

There is no advantage if a player receives a ball directly from a goal kick, throw-in or corner kick."

Got it? Good. More good news, however, with new FIFA guidelines on the offside rule expected to bring greater advantage to forwards and clarifies what constitutes "interfering with play."

The guidelines were issued to national soccer bodies and while they are not a rule change, they will now alter the handling of offside decisions.

In effect, they end offside for players who do not touch the ball or directly block the vision or movement of an opponent.

The guideline should mean the end of a player not directly involved in a move being flagged for offside.

The FIFA circular indicates that the aim of the new interpretation is, "To respect the laws of the game and to protect attacking play intended to result in a goal, which is the ultimate objective in soccer."

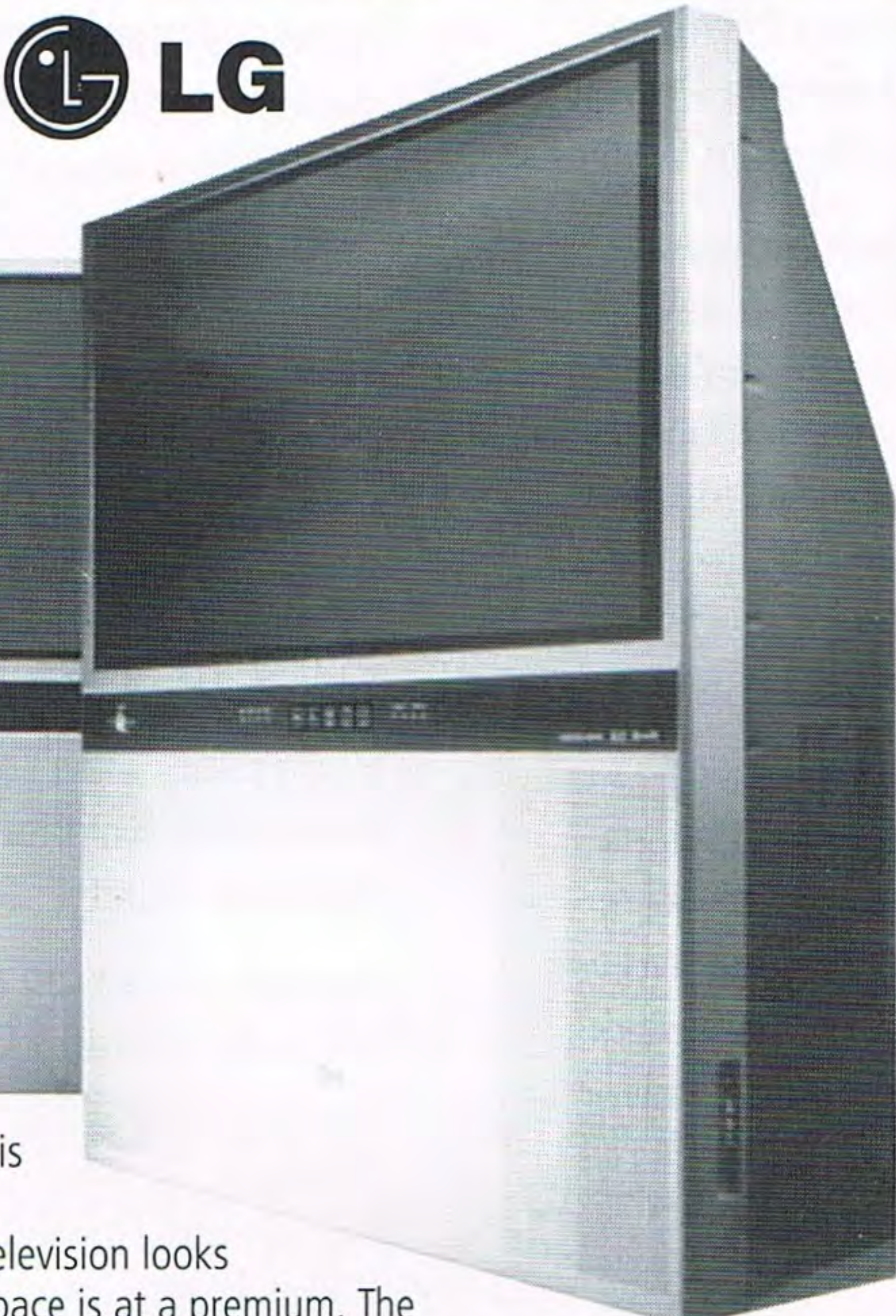
On second thoughts, FIFA may just have complicated matters further for uninitiated converts of the code.

Let's hope not. We want you all to stay onside!

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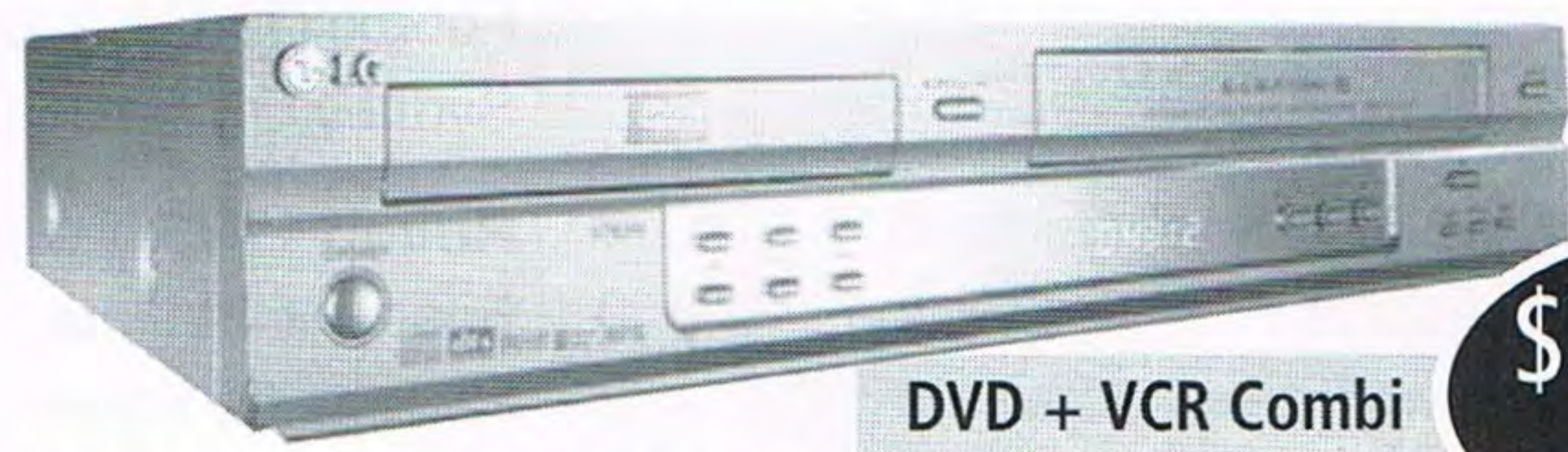
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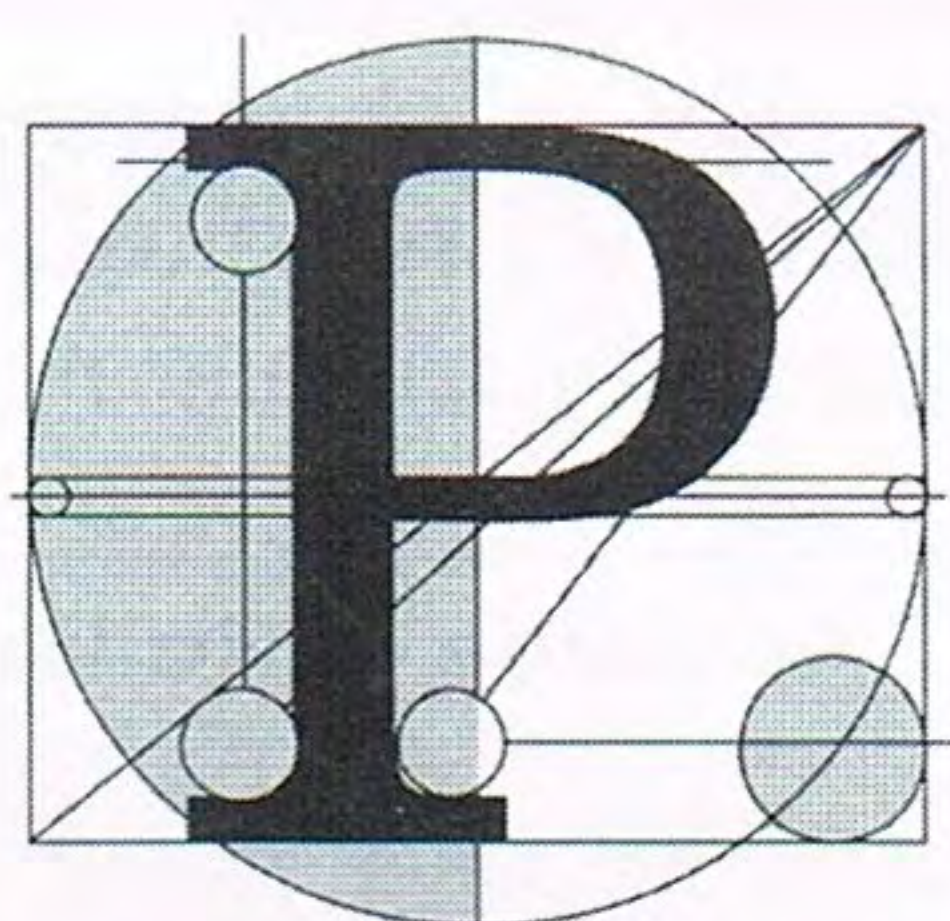
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Not surprisingly, all 220 tickets were snapped up very quickly and we anticipate joining many other travellers for Adelaide United's first match in Melbourne at the very picturesque Bob Jane Stadium.

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27 Nov	Thur	5.30pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
02 Dec	Tues	5.30pm	Cumberland, Bailey Reserve
04 Dec	Thur	5.30pm	Marden Sports Complex
09 Dec	Tues	5.30pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
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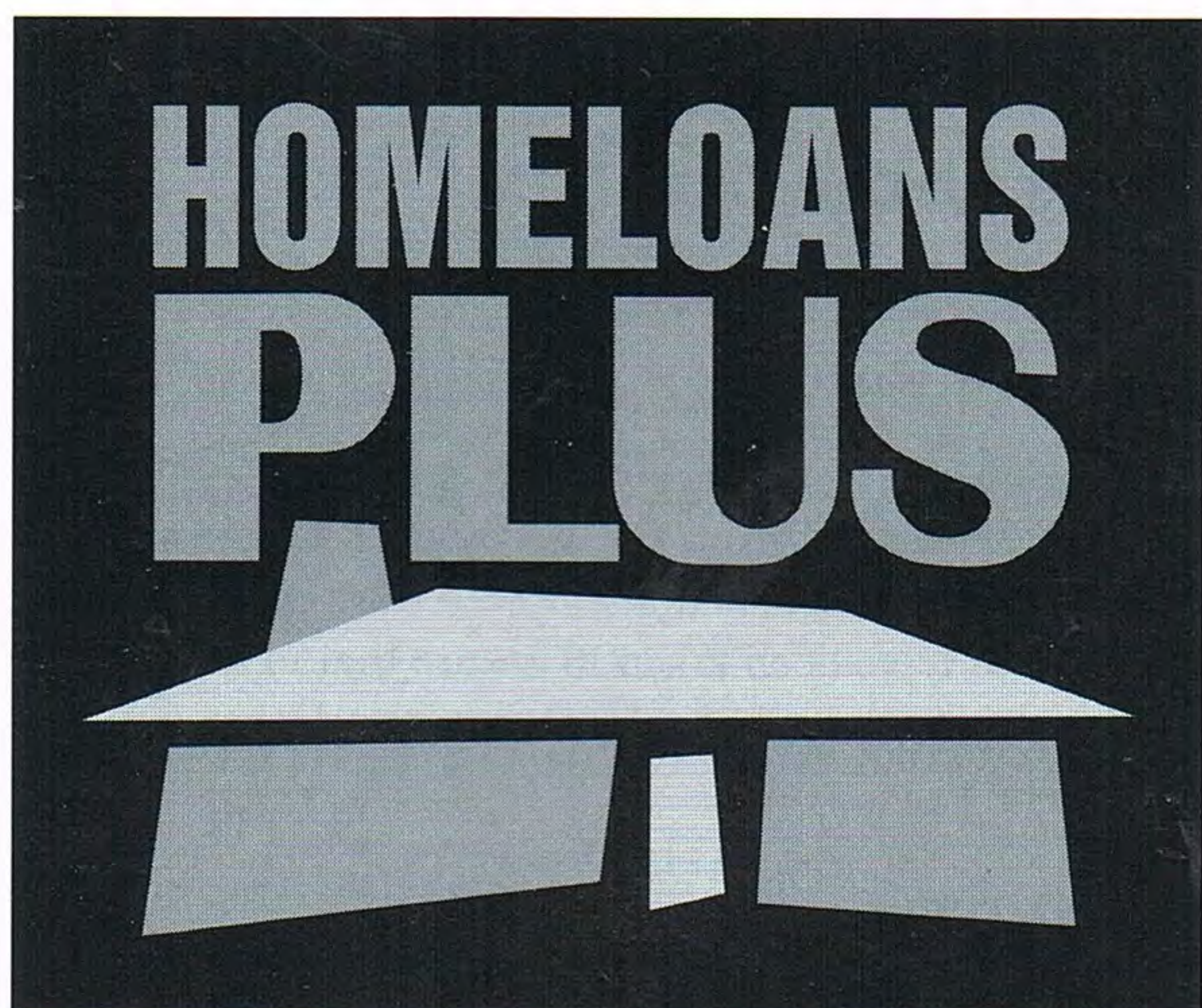
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Today brings glamour side Perth Glory to Adelaide, featuring former Adelaide stars Damian Mori and Brad Hassell. We welcome them to Adelaide and Hindmarsh Stadium. Mich D'Avray's trailblazers are still in touch with the leaders of the competition, despite a shock 0-6 defeat at Parramatta a week ago. We must surely expect another capacity crowd today for what is a vital clash between two sides desperate to maintain their momentum.

The second meeting of the Past Players and Officials Association was held on 30 October 2003 at Hindmarsh Stadium. Approximately 50 members attended and had the opportunity to express their views in regard to the future direction the Association should take. Lindsay Barton (Treasurer) and Pat Amey were elected to complete the Executive Committee and will assist Luke Kouzapa (Chairman), Ian Luker (Secretary) and Billy Graham to implement the wishes of the members.

The Chairman advised that representatives for each Club would be needed to assist with the process of recruiting members from each club.

The members present were very enthusiastic and were keen to become more involved with Adelaide United and the promotion of Soccer in general, particularly as it related to Junior Development. A variety of suggestions were received from the floor and have been discussed with Adelaide United President, Basil Scarsella. The suggestions included:-

Junior Development

This discussion was mainly driven by Neil McGachey, Tom Forde, Joe Serafini, Roger Romanowicz and Gerry Pettitt. Suggestions were made that Coaching Clinics be held for Junior Players under the age of 12 years. The clinics may be held on match days and prior to the Adelaide United game. General opinion was that we should also hold other coaching clinics during the year involving as many youngsters as possible. The clinics to be free of charge and involve the substantial technical and ball skills of Past Players. This would ensure that "underprivileged" children whose families could not afford high fee levels, would have equal opportunity to develop their skills and assist them in reaching their potential.

Away Games

A number of members were keen to attend matches interstate, and the issue of "weekend flight and accommodation packages" was raised. Joe Janko volunteered to take this issue up with a travel agent with whom he is acquainted, and to look at what sort of offers might be available to members. We will also discuss with the contacts of Adelaide United.

Season Tickets

The rapid sale of Season Tickets for the Western Grandstand has resulted in our members being scattered throughout the Grandstand. Steps have been taken to ensure that in season 2004-05, a block of seats will be allocated to our Association for sale to the members.

After Match Drinks

We will meet in the downstairs bar (alongside the turnstiles of the Corporate entrance) after the game against Perth Glory for after match drinks. All Past Players and Officials (regardless of whether you have become members) are welcome to join us and renew some old friendships.

Over 35s Competition

Neill McGachey suggested that the Association enter a team in the "over 35" league in 2004. Some of the members felt that it might be preferable to bring the over 35s into the Association. Discussions with the Adelaide United executive indicated that they can see no reason why interested players could not participate as Past Players and using the Adelaide United colours.

Port Adelaide Centenary Celebrations

Colin Alagich has sought the Assistance of the association to recruit Past Players who are over 50 years of age and are prepared to participate in an OVER 50's game on 23 November 2003. If you are interested, please call Colin on 8449 9862.

Veterans Game

The Association will arrange a soccer match as part of the pre match entertainment for Adelaide United's home game on 28 December 2003 against Melbourne Knights. Preference will be given to members of the Past Players and Officials Association. If you are interested in participating, please ensure that you are registered as a member and that your St John's Ambulance Subscription is up to date. More details later.

Membership of POPA is directed at past players and officials who have been involved at senior level with any affiliated member of the SA Soccer Federation. At this stage, meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays before each Adelaide United home game. The venue is the bar at level 2, Western Grand Stand and all Past Players & Officials are welcome to attend. Refreshments usually follow after the meeting.

A representative from each club is still being sought to help form a sub-committee dedicated to tracking down as many as possible of each club's past players and officials.

The Executive Committee extends a invitation and warm welcome to all who wish to renew friendships and become a part of history in the making with Adelaide United FC.

For Membership or any other inquiry regarding the Past Players & Officials Association, please contact any of the following:-

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	Prospect Conveyancing	Coca Cola	Thordon Park Produce
	Rinnai Australia	Luke Kouzapa Finance Service	Stam Fruit
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	Tripodi		
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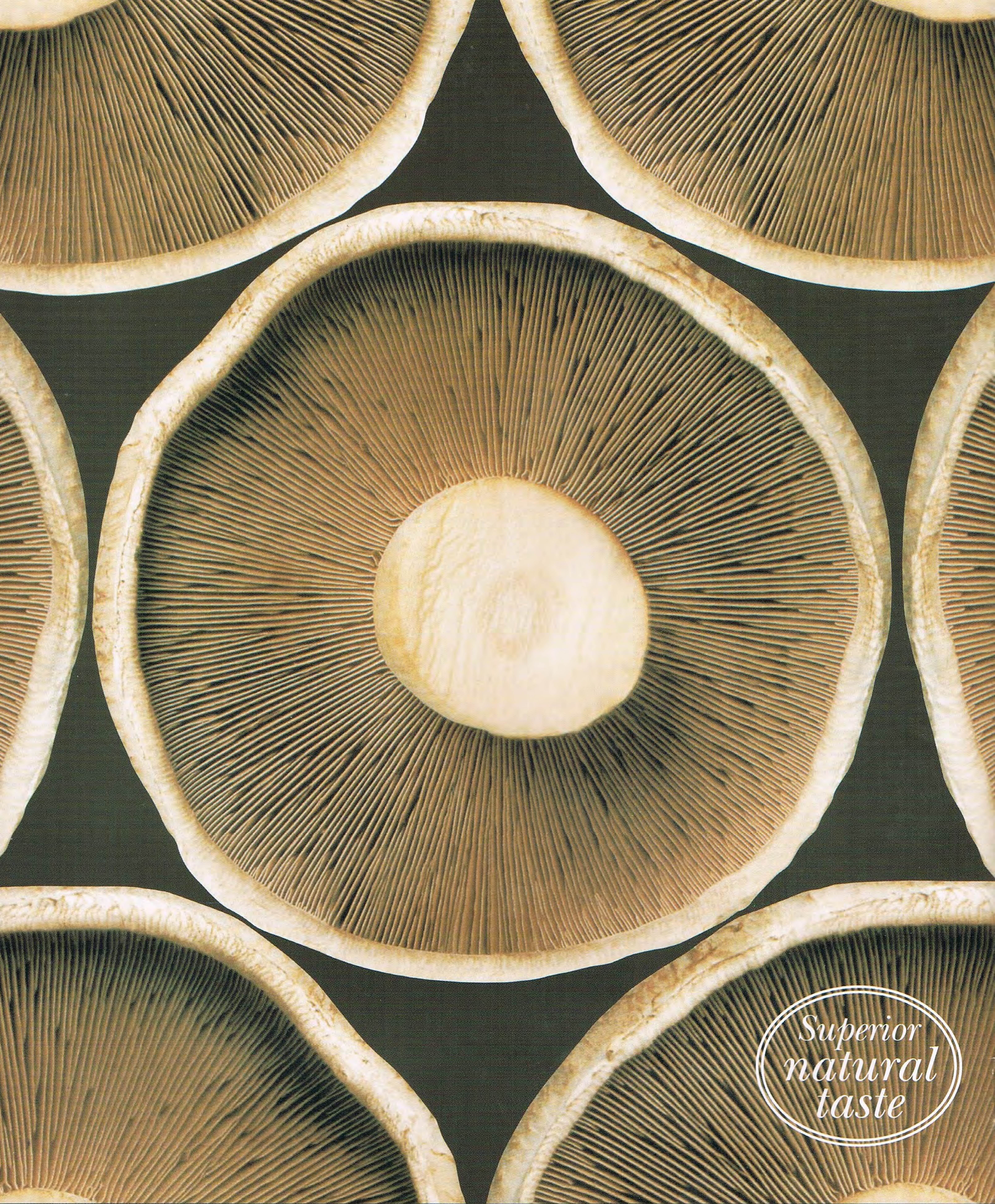
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